

**AMENDMENT TO MR. TAUZIN'S AMENDMENT**  
**OFFERED BY MS. SOLIS**

**(Page & line nos. refer to Chairman's Mark of June 17, 2003)**

Add at the end of title VII (page 245, after line 36) the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**1 SEC. 725. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PROMOTING ACCESS**  
**2 FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WITH LIM-**  
**3 ITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a  
5 demonstration project (in this section referred to as the  
6 "project") to demonstrate the impact on costs and health  
7 outcomes of providing reimbursement for interpreter serv-  
8 ices to certain medicare beneficiaries who are limited  
9 English proficient in urban and rural areas.

10 (b) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall carry out the  
11 project in not less than 5 States through contracts with  
12 up to—

13 (1) two health plans (under part C of title  
14 XVIII of the Social Security Act);

15 (2) 2 small providers; and

16 (3) 1 hospital.

1           (c) DURATION.—The each such contract under the  
2 project shall extend over a period of not longer than 2  
3 years.

4           (d) REPORT.—Upon completion of the project, the  
5 Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the project  
6 and shall include in the report recommendations regarding  
7 extension of such project to the entire medicare program.